

# Theology of our school vision

Theology means the study of God's nature and character. Our desire is to explore where we see God in our vision.

## **'To live life in all its fullness and flourish as God intended'**

Our school vision is what weaves everything we do in school together. It underpins what makes our school unique. An understanding of our vision will help shape our decision and actions.

### **We want to flourish because**

*It is what we were made to do*

*Jesus makes it possible*

*We want others to be blessed through us*

### **It is what we were made to do**

Our vision is grounded in the Bible, which shows us God's big plan for his world and ultimately his "never-stopping, never giving-up, always and forever love for his creation (us)".

Our desire is for everyone in our school to flourish. There is an open invitation for all, there is no 'them and us' (Galatians 3 v 28). We value and care for everyone. We support the vulnerable.

When we speak about flourishing, it is not just about a 'good life'. A flourishing life is the way the world was meant to be. When God finished creating the world he said it was 'very good' (Genesis 1 v 31). His intention for creation was for it to flourish.

### **Jesus makes it possible**

Jesus, the Son of God, was a real human being and as such he lived the perfect life we could never live. When sin entered the world our relationship with God was broken (Genesis 3) and in His perfect rescue plan God wants to restore this broken relationship and our world. God sent His Son to be a servant king, and through his life, death and resurrection (John 3 v 16) we are declared right with God. When Jesus died on the cross for us all our sins were forgiven. Because of Jesus we are now able to pursue and experience an abundant life. (John 10 v 10)

In the light of this, we want everyone at Davison to have the opportunity to live an abundant, full and God shaped life. Proverbs 11 v 28 says 'A life devoted to things is an empty life; a dead stump. A God shaped life is a flourishing tree.'

When we flourish, God is glorified (Colossians 1 v 16). We want to give glory to God by thanking him through our prayers, praises, conversations and how we live.

### **We want others to be blessed through us**

When we flourish, we show love and service for others. We are blessed to be a blessing to others, through our words and actions (Matthew 5 v 15-16). We want to be a school that serves others, knowing that God is our provider and the one who keeps us going.

We recognise that life will be difficult, that there will be times of sorrow, pain and rejection. We also know that this is not the end of the story. The Bible refers to life as a mist, a fast runner and a wisp of smoke. We want to live a life preparing for eternity (Matthew 6 v 19-21).

### **Where do we see this theology in our school**

We use our values of endurance, forgiveness, friendship, hope, thankfulness and trust to point everyone to God's desire to see them flourish as He intended. The school vision and values are embedded in our year group/colour family assemblies, form time, special events and our day to classroom opportunities (Colossians 3 v 17; Philippians v 8-9).